# **Rhode Island**

# Crossroads Rhode Island

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# **Project Description**

Crossroads Rhode Island is a comprehensive nonprofit human service agency, aiding persons who are homeless and other disconnected individuals on their journey toward a better quality of life. Crossroads Rhode Island provides essential life services, referral, and advocacy and is open 24 hours daily, seven days a week.

### Services

The HCH Program operates a 40-foot mobile medical van visiting shelters in six locations nightly, a freestanding clinic located in the Crossroads Rhode Island multi-service center, and a mobile team staffed by a nurse practitioner and outreach worker. The mobile team visits shelters in Kent and Washington Counties. HCH clients have access to medical, dental, women's health, mental health care, substance abuse counseling, crisis intervention, case management, prescription assistance, anonymous and confidential HIV counseling and testing, benefits assistance, housing, shelter, basic needs, legal services, education and job training, and special services for runaway, homeless youth. Offsite services include transitional living programs for homeless families and adolescents. Travelers Aid also operates HELPline, a 24-hour statewide telephone information and referral service. HELPline includes special interest hotlines for runaway youth, housing locator, and gamblers' assistance. Crossroads Rhode Island publishes a statewide directory of human services and government agencies.

# Linkages

Referral for emergency, inpatient, and specialty care is provided through arrangements with local hospitals and community health centers. Mental health counseling and treatment is provided by a local community mental health center. Substance abuse services are provided by local community-based organizations.

# **Statistics**

Estimated homeless population: 6,020 Project users: 1,352

# **Subcontractor(s):**

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# **Project Description**

The Health Care for the Homeless Project of Thundermist Health Center provides health care, case management, educational services, behavioral health/substance abuse counseling, and linkages to mental health and substance abuse agencies for homeless individuals living in northern Rhode Island and south central Massachusetts.

### **Services**

Direct primary health care is provided by a nurse practitioner in satellite clinics at a local homeless shelter, a shelter serving female survivors of domestic violence and trauma, two substance abuse residential homes, and at the health center. HCH clients may be referred to the health center for prenatal care, WIC, and dental services. Clients have 24-hour access to health center physicians who have full privileges at the local hospital. Substance abuse and mental health screenings are conducted and referrals are made. Education is provided in the areas of health, nutrition, mental health, substance abuse, parenting, and high risk social behaviors. Social services include counseling, case management, and client advocacy. A therapeutic activity program for children and their parents, through a collaboration of local agencies, is available on an as-needed basis. Behavioral health and substance abuse counseling are available onsite at all facilities.

### Linkages

The program has linkages with Sojourner House, Tri-Hab, "Because He Lives" Soup Kitchen, Northern RI Community Mental Health Center, and Family Resources Community Action.

# **Statistics**

Estimated homeless population: 1,000 Project users: 834

# **Subcontractor(s):**

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